

FRANCE





Why France?

- World's best health care
- Top quality infrastructure—consistent throughout country
- The best of Europe—romance, art, culture, food, wine
- Sophisticated urban centers
- Quaint rural villages
- Diverse geography and climate
- Numerous lifestyle options



At A Glance

- **Residency**
 - Self Sufficiency – Proof of income, address and health coverage
- **Health Care**
 - Superb health care system
 - Inexpensive prescription and OTC drugs
 - Accessible to all residents, regardless of nationality
- **Ease of Access**
 - Numerous direct flights to Paris from U.S. and Canada
 - Domestic airlines –reasonably priced, and many low-cost
 - Quality train services and connections



Country Pros

- High quality of life
- Top quality food and wine
- Work to live; personal time is sacred
- National health care accessible to all residents
- Excellent base for European travel
- Beautiful language
- Heritage and tradition
- Quality over quantity
- Low violent crime rate

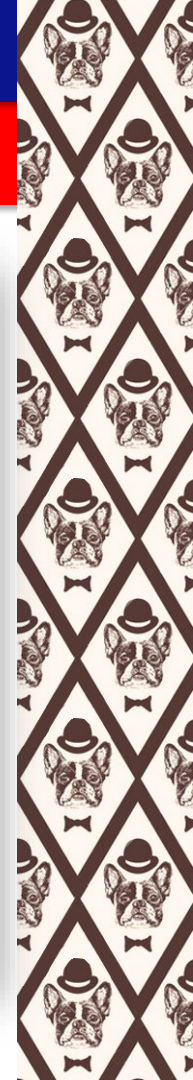
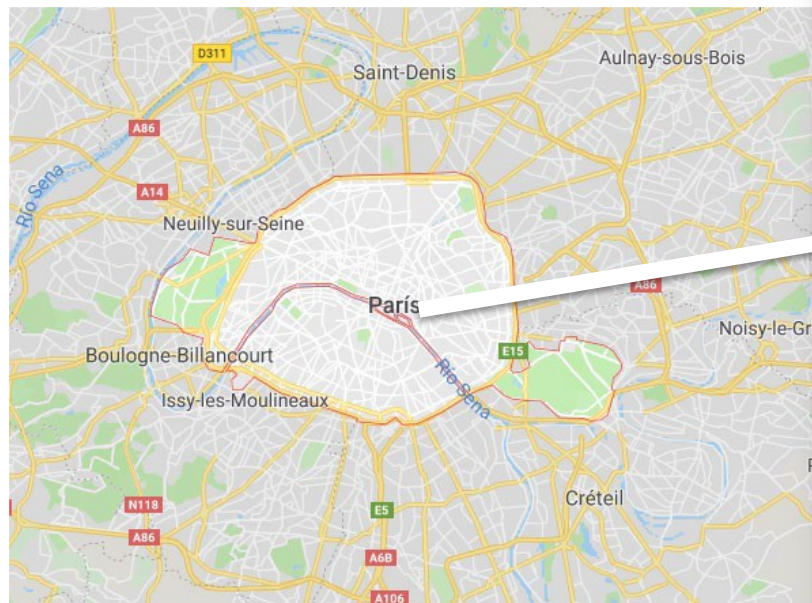


Country Cons

- Bureaucracy by any other term would still be French
- Customer is NOT *le roi*
- Learning language is necessary
- Cost of social safety net
- Charm comes at cost of convenience
- Social unrest and demonstrations
- Traditional, risk averse



Paris





Paris Pros

- Most international city in France
- Tons of expats, easy to make friends with fellow foreigners
- Travel hub
- Cultural mecca—no shortage of events and entertainment
- Everyday beauty, atmosphere
- Café culture
- 2nd most visited city in the world
- Amazing public transport systems; don't need a car

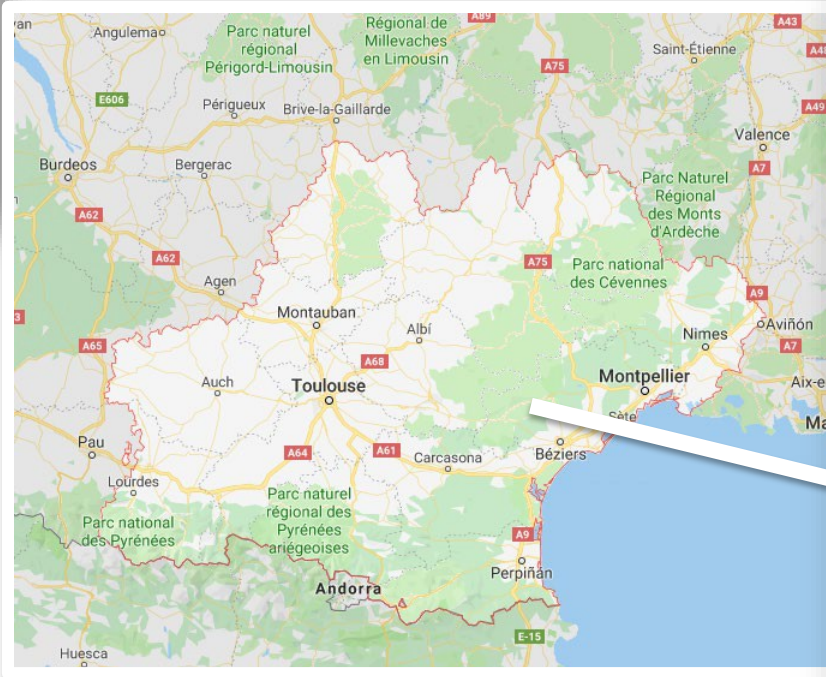


Paris Cons

- Drawbacks of density
- Tiny living spaces
- Cost of living
- Weather; seasonal daylight
- Lifestyle – metro, boulot, dodo
- Mood = brood
- Can be hard to make local friends



Occitanie





Occitanie Pros

- **International travel base** – 6 airports, TGV
- **Vibrant cities** – Montpellier, Toulouse, Béziers, Narbonne, Carcassonne, Perpignan, Nîmes
- **Charming villages** – Uzès, Pézenas, Sommières, Lagrasse, Limoux, Céret
- **Coastal towns** – Sète, Collioure, Agde
- **Diverse landscapes** – sea/sand beaches, mountains, wetlands, vineyards, forests
- **Heritage** – Roman arenas & aqueducts (Pont du Gard), Cathar castles (Carcassonne), Canal du Midi
- **Low cost of living**

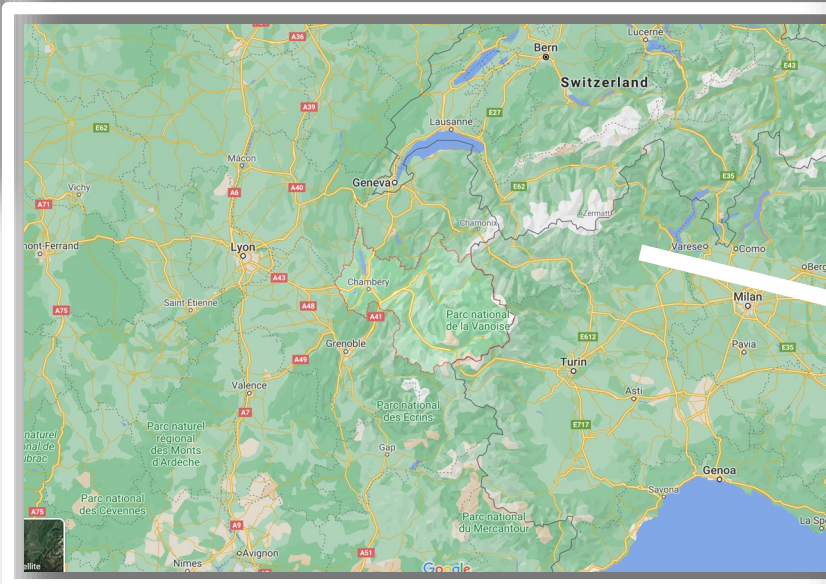


Occitanie Cons

- Depressed economy, high unemployment
- Not as glitzy as the Riviera—this is the “real” south of France
- Few North Americans
- Windy in some parts
- Large region, tough to choose one favorite
- Can be remote/isolated
- Must have car



Savoie Regions



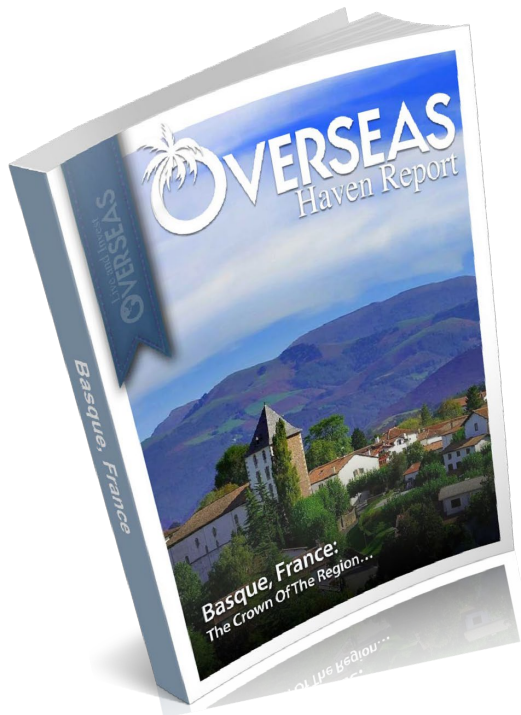


Grading France

- English Spoken – B-
- Health Care – A+
- Climate – B
- Infrastructure – A+
- Accessibility – B
- Safety – A
- Culture – A
- Recreation – B+
- Taxes – C
- Schools – A



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